29th October, 1916.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., A. C. Puddephatt Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and W. A. Turner Esq.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Honorary Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. Ross, College House, Saidapet.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Chetput.

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Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 5 P. M. from January to April and August to December.

MOTHERS' MEETING in School-room at 5 p.m. on Mondays.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of morning service on Sunday, November 12th.

Special Collection.—I hope that a very liberal response will be made to the Special Collection for the work of the Church of Scotland Mission at Arkonam, to be taken at both services on Sunday, November 26th. Mr. Silver has always rightly looked to St. Andrew's Church for very liberal support to the work of the Church in the Mission field and he has never been disappointed. Members of the congregation who are interested in this work will read with much appreciation the

account of it which is printed in this Supplement. The account is written by one of Mr. Silver's elders; it is a spontaneous contribution and its spontaneity must be very gratifying to Mr. Silver in his lonely, difficult and sometimes not very encouraging services.

Choir.—In the absence of Mr. Hird on the first Sunday of October Mr. A. Jones acted as Organist and Choirmaster. His services were much appreciated. With Mr. Hird now back in his accustomed place after his well earned holiday and with the vacancies in the choir filling up, our music for the cold weather ought to reach its usual high average. Amongst those who have come forward to help and to whom we are very grateful are Mrs. Boys, Mrs. Andrewes, Miss Anderson, Miss Wray, and Miss Henricus. Our great need for the present is one or more voices for the bass side. It would be a great help if some one came forward.

Monsoon.—The monsoon arriving with great vigour on its official date the 15th of October which was a Sunday played havoc with the attendances at both services. The following Sunday was little better off. The wonder however was that there were so many present and not that there were so few. If on less disturbed Sundays the congregations were so to exceed expectation, we should appear a very living Church indeed. But if on the eve of leaving Madras I were to venture a criticism, it would be that the attendances too often fall short of expectation. The presence of so many members of the choir on these two Sundays was a great help. During my three and-a-half years in Madras I have never found the choir to fail, no matter what like the weather may have been.

Kirk Session.—We are glad to welcome back Mr. W. A. Hutton to St. Andrew's after his long absence from us on leave.

Gifts of Papers.—I have to thank very heartily the following ladies and gentlemen for gifts of newspapers and Magazines for despatch to the soldiers: Mrs Conran, Mrs. Puddephatt, Miss Forbes, the Misses Falconer, and Messrs. N. C. Macleod and C. Jones. A bundle has just been sent to Mesopotamia.

The Chaplaincy.—I have just received word that the Rev. D. H. Gillan, the new Officiating Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church, will arrive by the Mail in the second week of November. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Gillan.

Mothers' Meeting.—Mrs. Ross very kindly came to speak to the Mothers' Meeting on October 9th and her eloquent Bible Address on some Women of the Bible was listened to with great interest and attention. During the last half of the month the rain has made it impossible for these meetings to be held.

Free School.—The work of the school goes on quietly and efficiently. We have just received the announcement that our teaching Grant is to be Rs. 1,200, the same as last year. During the month the library was enriched by a large contribution of suitable books presented by the General Committee of the Friend-in-Need Society.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1916		Rs.	A.	P.
Sept. 3rd, Ordinary	...	27	14	0
,, 10th ,,	...	38	3	0
,, 17th ,,	...	41	6	0
,, 24th ,,	...	34	2	9
Total	...	141	9	9

Women's Guild

Mission ladies At Home.—On Thursday, October 12th, the ladies of the Church of Scotland Women's Mission, Orme's Road, were At Home to the members of the Guild. A very large number of the members were able to avail themselves of this kind invitation and as the weather was on its best behaviour and the Mission ladies had made excellent preparations, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. There were several strenuous sets at tennis and the badminton court was the scene of many lively and noisy encounters. During the afternoon the embroidery and lace school was open to inspection. It was the first visit of many of the members to an institution that has a very special reputation for this kind of work and needless to say they found it exceedingly full of interest. The Guild would take this opportunity of thanking the Mission ladies for their kindness.

Jumble Sale.—Another jumble sale has past and gone. It looked for the time as if this sale were to be attended with the same weather that tried hard but signally failed to spoil the great Fete last year. On Friday, the 20th, when the ladies met in great numbers to make the necessary preparations the spill pipes from the roof of the school were pouring cascades. On the day of the sale itself rain poured in torrents before and after the sale but luckily there was a sufficient break in the deluge to allow the buyers to come and go away in comfort. As usual there was a large conglomeration of clothes and odds and ends of all kinds that found a ready market and in little over half an hour the stalls were bare. The proceeds of the sale came to Rs. 110 which goes towards the Rs. 360 a year which the Guild has undertaken to pay for the support of a girl in the St. George's Homes. It was very creditable to the Guild that so many members turned out on both Friday and Saturday in spite of the disagreeable weather. I must not omit to thank all those who sent gifts of clothing or other contributions to the Sale. Their names are too numerous to be set down here but the thanks are none the less hearty.

The Evangelistic Campaign at Arkonam

Ever since the Evangelistic Campaign was organised in South India, Arkonam Church has not been less active than other forces which are at work in other parts of the Presidency. This year's campaign has been particularly a successful one. The results produced by the campaign work are striking inasmuch as almost every Sunday in St. Andrew's Church number of people gather to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Baptism at the hands of our Superintending Missionary Rev. A. Silver, M.A.

It was arranged to start this year's campaign during the Michaelmas holidays so that the Mission Agents employed in schools and voluntary workers could conveniently take part, most of the former willingly sacrificing their holidays for this glorious cause. Preparatory to the Campaign work, Bible classes were formed which met together weekly and continued with one accord in prayer and supplication for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the forthcoming campaign.

Just a week previous to the commencement of the operation, a mass meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church when almost all members present willingly offered themselves for their Master's Service. Four bands were organised under four leaders to operate in four groups of villages. The power of the Arm of the Lord was perceptible throughout the campaign week as the Gospel was carried from door to door. Individual conversations, night Prayer meetings, preaching before multitudes, formed some of the features of the campaign. Being encouraged by a patient and earnest hearing with but little opposition on the part of the non-Christians the bands were indefatigable in their efforts to work by day and by night.

Sunday, the 15th October, was a gala day among Indian Christians as on this day twenty-seven souls, including children from Pallur, a village nine miles distant from Arkonam, were led to the feet of Christ. In spite of the rain which continued all day, this happy band of pilgrims left their village at 3 a.m. in bullock carts and arrived at Arkonam early in the morning to be in time for Divine Service. Rev. G. S. Vedanayagam was specially invited from Madras to assist Rev. A. Silver in administering the Baptism. The former preached a very appropriate and interesting sermon to which the villagers listened with rapt attention. They were afterwards treated to a sumptuous dinner and they returned glad for the new life and light received by them as every reborn Christian should.

It may be of interest to note there that most of these converts are persons of independent means possessing landed property and houses. Many more are expected to be baptised next Sunday. Other four villages which were centres of work during the campaign week also bid fair to yield many of their people to the fold of Christ in the near future. An Indian Missionary, Mr. John David, entirely supported by the Indian Church at Arkonam, has been sent to one of these villages to open a new station there and work in surrounding villages. We pray that the church's activities in the new field may be crowned with success.

The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.

B. D.

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptism

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

October 19th, 1916—Darrell Vivian Ilott, son of Frederick William and Ellen Grace Mansfield, Madras.

October 22nd, 1916—Cynthia Lorraine, daughter of Edwin Jervaise Belmont and Katie Turner, Bhusawal.

October 26th, 1916—Aileen Barbara, daughter of Allan and Inez Beryl Walton, Madras.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for September, 1916

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for August ...	56	9	3
„ Seat Rents	122	0	0	„ „ Estabt. do. ...	187	8	0
„ Church Collections	141	9	9	„ M. E. S. Co. Current for August	10	0	0
„ Organ practice	15	0	0	„ Compound account (special) ...	10	0	0
„ Refunds	52	13	11	„ Repairing Church Kneelers	16	10	6
				„ Tuition fees (singing) August and September	20	0	0
				„ Printing bill...	10	4	0
				„ Communion Wine	3	2	0
				„ Organ blowers for practice ...	6	0	0
				„ Miscellaneous	7	6	6
					327	8	3
				Balance Credit this Account ...	112	15	5
Total Rs ...	440	7	8	Total Rs ...	440	7	8

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for September, 1916

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	8	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	76	8	0
„ Government grant, food and clothing, 1916	779	0	0	„ Refund loan	200	0	0
„ Loan, Kirk Session Fund ...	200	0	0	„ Miscellaneous Account ...	6	15	3
				Cash on hand ...	518	8	9
Total Rs ...	997	0	0	Total Rs ...	997	0	0

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

NEIL MELDRUM,
Chaplain.

I certify that I have examined the Church Accounts for the month of August and found them correct.

MADRAS,
13th October, 1916.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

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